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TOO GREAT CENTRALIZATION OF POWER

Despite denials, the project of creating a great central bank is evidently all alive and is being pushed. The plan of awakening popular interest and of "educating the people" in advance of the project's appearance in a report from the Aldrich Monetary commission, is in steady progress through lengthy explanations from Washington. In these articles, special endeavors are made to quiet the prevalent suspicion that either Wall Street or the dominant political party, or a combination of the two, would control the proposed bank, and also to allay the fear of the national banks that a central bank would deprive them of a profitable and very considerable part of their regular business.

But by far the greatest objection which can be advanced, is that it would be too great a centralization of power, no matter by whom controlled. It would place the control of the very life of general business—that is, the currency volume—in the hands of a few men who might or might not use it judiciously. It would be within their power to make or unmake money panics, like that of 1907. Sooner or later, if not at first, Wall Street would attain control, and with such power in its hands, it could and would speedily make or unmake political parties.

Finally, the people will have slight if any confidence in any measure emanating from Senator Aldrich, particularly if it is involved, and complicated in terms. He has never been and is not now a bona fide representative of the people.

The McLean candidacy for the U. S. Senate is being pushed openly, but Senator Bulkeley is evidently making "a still hunt," if he is moving at all at present which is doubtful, for his habit is "a whirlwind campaign" at the finish, with a "barrel" attachment. Ex-Gov. McLean will need to hold at the start much more than a majority of the Republican legislative caucus in order to win.

Mr. Hearst is said to be willing to run as the Independence league candidate for Mayor of New York city if the league so insists. He refers to the Republican nominee as "a mere man of straw," and he is a bitter enemy of Tammany. However much he may at heart favor the Democratic nominee his hatred of Tammany may lead him into antagonizing the Gaynor candidacy and thus into running independently.

The American Publishers' association having refused to sell books to Macy & Co., of New York city unless the firm would bind itself not to retail them at "cut" rates, the firm has brought suit under the Sherman or anti-trust law for \$375,000 damages, alleging that the Publishers' association's action is unlawful because in restraint of trade. A decision of the question thus raised will be of wide importance outside of the book trade, for if we mistake not, there are other organizations which refuse to sell to "cut-rate retailers."

Los Angeles which is credited with more oilled roads than any other city in this country, has decided to abandon the experiment of natural soil oiled roadways as expensive and unsatisfactory. The explanation is that while oil keeps down the dust, the petroleum soon evaporates and the residue has no binding power such as is necessary to secure permanent results commensurate with the cost. It may be recalled in this connection that Highway Commissioner MacDonald of this State prefers the use of a certain preparation of tar, but finds that it is too costly for use on the State roads.

In Chicago, a postoffice inspector lately placed a ban at the general delivery window against the delivery of letters to persons whose real names are not those upon the missives. Over 9,000 women a day have been receiving mail at the general delivery section. Postoffice inspector Stuart is convinced that his experiment was needed, for he says that evil has come to thousands of girls under age who have received mail surreptitiously, and that the happiness of thousands of homes has been imperiled by mail which husbands and wives have received in the general delivery. Now every person is compelled to sign a card before mail is delivered and investigation is made of the signer. Parents of girls are notified, and some radical changes in love affairs have been caused by the abrupt order from Inspector Stuart. As was inevitable, many innocent persons are suffering

needlessly from the attempt to discipline guilty folk, but it may be that the good will overbalance the evil results.

SHOULD TAKE SIDES

CONGRESSMAN TILSON URGES BAPTISTS AS CHURCHMEN INTO POLITICS.

At the 84th annual session of the New Haven Baptist association held in the Grand Avenue Baptist church an address was delivered at last evening's meeting by Congressman John Q. Tilson, who chose as his topic the exhortation to men of the church to take an active part in politics. Congressman Tilson defended politics as a whole and in substance he said:

"Every man should align himself with some party. He should be with one side or the other. Many are disposed to sneer at the term 'a politician.' If all good men went into politics they would soon drive out the bad men in politics. The work of the men who give their services in public life is just as important as that of the public ministry. Such public men are entitled to the sympathy and the support of the church.

"Now if you don't think that it is necessary for a clean man to be run for office, you just be a candidate and see. When a man is nominated for an office, if he is anything in his past life that can be raked up against him it will be done. And so it is important that clean men and men above reproach be put up for office. Now I don't care if you call me a politician—I don't think a good politician is a bad man. Some public officials have been dishonest, will admit it. There were bad officials in Bible times and probably there will always be more or less bad politicians. But if a man don't go down to his knees and do his duty, then he has no right to kick. He ought to swallow anyone that is nominated if he doesn't attend the cause. If men would go to their duties, they would not have to read the names of some unworthy nominees on the ticket.

"It is the duty of all church members to be something of a politician and take some part in public affairs. Christian men should consider these things. For the sake of the city, for the sake of the State and for the sake of humanity in general everybody should be a politician."

MUST WORK FOR UNITY

PROTESTANT PASTORS DISCUSS MEANS FOR SPIRITUAL CARE OF ITALIANS.

An inter-denominational Protestant conference is being held at the Trinity Methodist church in New Haven for the purpose of the discussion of the question as to whether such portion of the Italian population as desires to attend the Protestant church, is made welcome there or not.

The session took up much of yesterday and will be carried on today. Among those taking part in it are Samuel Raymond, the secretary of the Connecticut Bible Society, the Rev. A. B. Coats, secretary of the American Baptist convention, and the Rev. F. Feastore of the Italian Congregational church.

The general tenor of the remarks were to the effect that unity and the setting aside of all denominational differences was the only way to compass a movement that will bring the Italian colonists into the Protestant churches. One speaker made the point that there were 80,000 Italians in the State, and that nearly one-half of these are in New Haven.

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The Billiard stock has for a year or more been used as collateral for a loan with the National City bank in New York. This loan did not mature until April next. In order to secure the stock for delivery to the Boston Holding company, the New Haven interests were obliged to pay a slight premium for release of the collateral and discharge of the plan.

The general impression has been that the New Haven would sell an early date, the \$13,743,500 Boston Holding company bonds given in part payment for the Billiard stock. These bonds will be guaranteed, principal and interest, by the New Haven. As a matter of fact, no present disposition will be made of the bonds and no definite plans exist regarding their sale. Possibly the reason for this is that the present state of the bond market, with New Haven debenture bonds swinging around 85, does not offer an attractive basis for the disposal of so large a block of bonds.

State's Oldest Voter

New Milford Man 102

New Milford, Oct. 7.—Alanson Canfield, the oldest voter in the State, received his friends on the 102nd anniversary of his birth, yesterday. Mr. Canfield is in excellent health. He cast his vote with the Whigs prior to the organization of the Republican party, since which time he has been a Republican. He was born on the Albee Canfield place in Long Mountain section of this town, and in 1840 opened the first meat market here. Later he was in the lumber business, retiring from active life in 1868. Mr. Canfield lives, with his daughter, Mrs. C. B. Camp, in Main street.

Freight Train Wrecked

At Niantic Lift Bridge

New London, Oct. 7.—A locomotive and fourteen loaded freight cars are piled near the new lift bridge spanning the Niantic river, west of this city. The tracks were blocked for several hours, and passenger trains between Boston and New York made long detours by way of Plainfield. The wreck was due to the derailing of a freight train bound for Harlem River. The lift bridge was undergoing its weekly test, and it is believed the freight engineer failed to notice the yellow or cautionary signals set against him, and was unable to save his train from being deflected by the sudden mechanism reaching the red or danger semaphore.

Big Mail Increase

In New Haven P. O.

Receipts for the New Haven post office for the month of September were \$43,289.29, which is an increase of \$9,185.84 over those of the corresponding month of last year, or a gain of 26.16-17 per cent, one of the largest ever scored by that office. The gain is attributed by the post office authorities entirely to the increase of business, the bulk of the mail matter being commercial correspondence and advertising matter. In the opinion of the office officials, the voting machines in the last election the mail would have been heavier yet, as these machines had done away with the sending out of posters by candidates for election.

New Haven Road

Sued for \$10,000

New Haven, Oct. 7.—Alleging that in addition to destroying the household furniture, the soot, smoke and cinders from the locomotives of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company caused the occupants of her house, particularly herself, to be taken sick with irritation of the throat, bronchitis and catarrh, Edith T. Leighton of 407 Howard avenue has instituted suit for \$10,000 against the railroad. The case is returnable to the November term of the superior court.

She claims that her house has depreciated in value because of the soot, cinders and smoke from the New Haven road's engines, and that not only herself but other occupants of the building have suffered ill health.

FIREMEN TO PARADE

Grand Carnival of Graphophone Fire Department.

The grand carnival of the American Graphophone Co. Fire department will be opened on Friday night at the Park City skating rink, preceded first by a notable street parade in which firemen from the Warner Bros. Co. fire department, the New Milford, Stratford, Fairfield, Southport and Westport as well as the Pacific Engine Co. of this city will assist. The parade will be formed at Park and Fairfield avenues at 7:30 o'clock and starting at 7:40 will move by way of Fairfield avenue to Main street, to State street, to Transient avenue, to Fairfield avenue, to Howard avenue, to State street, to the rink.

At the rink dancing to the music of Sansone's orchestra will be free to all while the management have engaged some of the best talent available to give the entertainment. It includes Bob Roberts, the great coon shouter, who will sing all the latest coon songs; the Vaughns in their homesick skit entitled "Foolish Talk"; Eddie W. Keenan, the well known pianist in the latest popular selection; and Tommy F. Lynch, the singer and dancer, will also contribute to the program.

The list of prizes to be given away includes a \$50 graphophone outfit, a 12-piece dinner set, a ton of coal and other things too numerous to mention. If you are wise you will also spend the evening at the carnival. The concert program will start at 10 o'clock that night.

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